2*nd*.—Unless an applicant satisfies you that he is really about to build he should be told that his application will be disposed of during the regular inquiry into the lands in the map of the locality.

3*rd*.—No ruza-chittee should be given without previous proclamation of the application in the locality, as is the practice with regard to house property sunnuds.

4*th*.—In cases where building may have commenced, or there may be other reasons for immediate orders, while at the same time the enquiry into title cannot be at once completed, a "ruza-chittee" may be given on the applicant agreeing to abide by the result of that enquiry.

5*th*.—It should be borne in mind that our investigations are not with the object of conveying or settling any rights of property, but only of deciding the relations of that property with Government. When property may be disputed between two or more claimants, therefore, all that is needed is to decide that it is house property, or as the case may be, and that a proper sunnud will be issued to whoever may produce proof that he is the lawful holder.

T. C. HOPE.

Revenue Survey and Assessment.

No. 3921.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 14th November 1867.

Letter from the Revenue Commissioner, N.D., No. 5131, dated 26th October 1867.—Forwarding, for orders, a correspondence relating to an entire re-organization of the survey and enquiry into titles to land in the towns of Surat, Broach, Balsar, and Ahmedabad, sanctioned in the Government orders noted in the margin, and now, with the exception of that portion relating to settlement of titles in Surat, proceeding under the superintendence of Mr. H. H. Summers, a Sub-Assistant Superintendent, deputed from the Gujrat Revenue Survey Department; and stating that, in anticipation of the sanction of Government, he has instructed the Acting Superintendent, Gujrat Revenue Survey, to place Mr. Bulkley in charge of the enquiry work in Surat, on the approaching departure of Mr. Stewart to resume charge of his own duties in the Panch Mahals, pending the sanction of Government, and that as Mr. Bulkley and Mr. Guerin are the most experienced Classers on the Survey Establishment he cannot recommend the employment of both of them at the

Ahmedabad.

Government Resolution No. 3044, dated 9th September 1863.

Surat.

Government Resolution No. 1643, dated 20th April 1865.

Balsar.

Government Resolution No. 1643, dated 20th April 1865.

Broach.

Government Resolution No. 2269, dated 20th December 1865.

same time on these special duties for fear of crippling the efficiency of the former Department.

RESOLUTION.—The Revenue Commissioner has forwarded a joint report by Messrs. Hope and Beyts, which places clearly before Government the present state of the Gujrat City Surveys, and proposals for re-organizing them on an effective footing.

2. It is quite clear that, with the exception perhaps of Surat, the municipalities are dissatisfied, and the cause is evident. They are necessarily without any immediate return for their share of the expense, and, moreover, they do not receive so much supervision from the overworked Officer who has charge of the surveys as they conceive their contributions entitle them to.

3. On the first point Government must trust to the intelligence of the Municipal Communities to appreciate the advantages of a survey. It may be added, however, that Government will remove any impression that it is not bearing its fair share of the burden, and to do this will increase the Government portion of the expense. This appears the more reasonable as the surveys will evidently last longer than the municipalities at first contemplated.

4. And there is no reason why Government should not incur expense in surveying cities when the return is so obviously remunerative. It is at least as much the duty of Government as to survey purely agricultural lands. The only reason for imposing a portion of the expense on the municipalities is that they are to share the eventual proceeds with Government. They can hardly choose to abandon the work now, as in that event they will lose the money already expended, and which Government certainly will not reimburse them.

5. The first step is to provide efficient survey supervision, and to do this Ahmedabad must be separated from the other cities. To carry on the remaining survey work and to complete the enquiries an Assistant and Sub-Assistant will be necessary. Mr. A. S. Bulkley, who is now conducting the enquiry at Surat, should be appointed to the duty at Ahmedabad, and should have under him a Sub-Assistant, who will be nominated by the Superintendent Survey, with the concurrence of the Commissioner, for this duty.

6. Mr. Bulkley will be nominated an Assistant to the Collector of Ahmedabad under Section 6 of the Bombay Survey Act. If any further notifications be required, the Commissioner will report to Government.

7. For Surat Mr. Hope is anxious to retain the services of Mr. Summers. This Officer will, therefore, remain in charge of the survey of Surat, and will also have that of Balsar. The survey of Broach should be entrusted to the Sub-Assistant, Mr. Atmaram Nuthoojee, who will be employed exclusively on this duty.

8. It will thus be seen that only one more Sub-Assistant than is now employed will be required. The Superintendent will doubtless be able to arrange for this Officer.

9. The whole of the cost of these Officers has already been included in the Budget of the Gujrat Survey, and their cost should be so continued. Of course, the charges on account of these Officers will not be included in calculating the cost on the acreage of the purely agricultural districts. The cost will be calculated separately. The progress of the work in the Gujrat Survey admits of these Officers being employed without detriment to other work, and without incurring additional cost. It may also be recorded that the appointment of a Deputy Superintendent will not be necessary in succession to Mr. Beyts, and whenever he vacates the office, or is temporarily employed on other duty, it will not be filled up. There will, therefore, be this additional saving.

10. The cost of one full Establishment may likewise be charged to these City Surveys from the Budget for the Gujrat Survey. Rupees 500 a month may, therefore, be equitably apportioned by the Commissioner towards the establishments maintained for the surveys of the four cities. The recent reduction of Gujrat Establishments will enable the Superintendent to do this without any increase to his budget.

11. There remains to be provided the Surat, Broach, and Balsar enquiries. If the staff of Assistants to the Collector be maintained at their full complement, the Collector will, it is hoped, be able to provide an Assistant for this work, and give him further assistance in the monsoon. The Collector should find no difficulty in doing so, as he has the services of a Deputy Collector belonging to the Ahmedabad Collectorate. No further appointment will, therefore, be necessary for this purpose.

12. The Governor in Council approves of the Revenue Commissioner having taken the measures reported in paragraph 8.

(Signed) H. E. JACOMB,
For Acting Chief Secretary to Government.

To

The Revenue Commissioner, N.D.
The Accountant General (with copy of Mr. Rogers' letter).